



By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

For the due Payment of the Subsidy and Aulnage upon all Woollen Clothes and Draperies.

CHARLES R.



CHARLES By the Grace of God, King of *England, Scotland, France, and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all Our loving Subjects of England, Greeting. Whereas Our Royal Grandfather, King James of Blessed Memory, by his several Letters Patents, grounded upon several Acts of Parliament, bearing Date the Thirteenth day of April, in the Eleventh year of his Reign, did Nominate and Appoint Lodowick Late Duke of Richmond and Lenox to be Aulnager, for the Surveying, Measuring, Searching, and Sealing of all sorts of Wendible Woollen Clothes, and Stuffs made of wool, or part of wool, as well of the Old as of the New Draperies: And also made and Appointed him the said Lodowick Duke of Richmond and Lenox Collector and Farmer of the Subsidies, moyety of Forfeitures, and Duties, due to Us and Our Royal Progenitors, as parcel of the Ancient Revenue of the Crown of England, for and touching the same, To have, hold, and Enjoy the same, to the said Duke, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, under a great yearly Rent, payable, and Reserved upon the said Letters Patents, for divers years then and yet to come: And whereas, the Right and Interest in the said Offices and Farm is Vested in certain Trustees, To the use of, and in Trust for, Our Right Trusty and intirely beloved Cozen Charles, Duke of Richmond and Lenox, we taking notice, That the said Duties of Subsidy and Aulnage, as well for the New Draperies

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as the Old, have for many years before, and until the beginning of the late Wars, been duly and orderly Collected, and Paid to the said Aulnager, His Substitutes, Deputies, and Assigns, and that since the late Wars, divers Clothiers and others, taking Liberty to themselves by the disorder of the late Times, have, and still do, put, set, and send to Sell, divers Clothes and Stuffs of the Old and New Draperies, without payment of the said Subsidy due to Us, or of the Aulnagers Fee, and before the Seals appointed for the same are affixed to the said Clothes and Draperies, contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm, whereby the said Aulnager, and His said Trustees, are disabled from paying the said Rent reserved upon the said Letters Patents, and a great Arrear is incurred and become due to Us, and the Denyal and non-payment of the said Subsidy, manifestly tends to the lessning and diminution of Our said Ancient Revenue: Wherefore Minding and Intending Remedy and Redress to be had in this behalf, We do by this Our Proclamation Command, Publish, and Require all Clothiers and Others, whom this Our Proclamation may concern, That they from henceforth pay the said Subsidy and Aulnage, due and to be paid, by the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm, as well for the Old Draperies as the New, in such Manner and Proportion as hath been formerly Used and Accustomed, and as by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, the same of Right are due and payable, unto Our said Aulnager, and Collector of the said Subsidy, His Deputies and Substitutes; And that they, nor any of them, do presume to put, send, or set to Sale, any Clothes, Half-Clothes, Pieces of Clothes, Kerseys, and Freezes, called or known by the name of the Old Draperies, or any Bays, Says, Serges, Stuffs, or other Draperies whatsoever, called or known by the name of the New Draperies, before payment of the said Subsidy and Aulnagers Fee, as by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm the same of Right are due and payable, under the Pains and Penalties thereupon ensuing, and as they will answer the contrary at their Perils. And Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby straitly Charge and Command all Mayors, Bayliffs, Justices of Peace, Head-boroughs, Constables, and other Our Officers, Ministers, and loving Subjects whatsoever, That they be Ayding and Assisting, to Our said Aulnager and Collector of the said Subsidy, His Deputy and Deputies, and every of them, in and by all lawful waies and means whatsoever, for the due Execution of the said Offices, and Collection of the said Subsidy, as they tender Our Pleasure, and will answer the contrary at their Perils.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Twenty ninth day of *September*, in the Twelfth year of Our Reign.

God save the King.